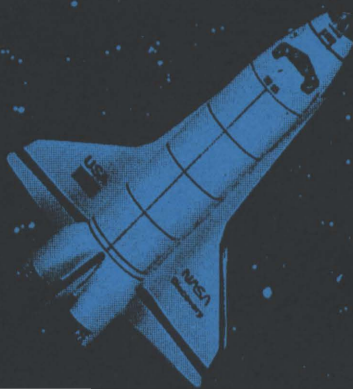


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Guest Editorial

Bulletin #3 — the GAO Report

August 9, 1995

The Government Accounting Office (GAO) report on the 1947 Roswell incident was released on July 28, 1995. The report consists of an eight-page letter to Congressman Steven Schiff of New Mexico and includes nine pages of appendices. In summary, the report states that an extensive search for records was conducted and nothing of consequence was found. Noteworthy is that the GAO report refers to the 1994 Air Force report only briefly and offers no evidence to support the Air Force report's Project Mogul balloon hypothesis. The GAO report also contains no significant revelations and no conclusion.

Unlike the 1994 Air Force report, which represents a selective and obviously biased presentation of the facts, the GAO report is objective and straightforward. Significantly, it is admitted in the report that "our search of government records was complicated by the fact that some records we wanted to review were missing and there was not always an explanation." Most significant is that the outgoing messages from Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) for the period from October 1946 through December 1949 were destroyed without authorization. Those messages would most probably have contained the key to what really occurred at Roswell in 1947.

It could be strictly coincidental that those records are missing. However, in view of the conflicting stories told by the military at the time (the two July 8, 1947, press releases), the absence of the records, is very "convenient" and therefore suspicious. Also interesting is the fact that no documentation for the 1395th Military Police

Company could be located. Presumably, this would have been the outfit responsible for guarding the debris.

During the course of the investigation, the GAO did query such agencies as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and the National Security Council (NSC) for records on Roswell. The GAO investigators, however, were not given direct access to the files of those agencies. Instead, the GAO received brief written responses, but was not able to independently verify the information contained in them.

The Roswell event, whatever its cause, was one of the biggest public relations fiascos in military history. Given the government's penchant for keeping records, the fact that not one single official military file or record can be found to document this event strains all credibility. While the GAO report provides no definitive answers, it does bring to light the absence of certain critical evidence, thereby raising new questions and underscoring the need for further and more thorough investigation into this unusual event. As coordinator of the International Roswell Initiative, I assure you that in the months ahead, we will be redoubling our efforts, both in the investigation of the Roswell case itself and in the effort to make it resoundingly clear to our political leaders that the vast majority of people desire a more open and candid U.S. government policy concerning the entire UFO phenomenon.

Kent Jeffrey
Coordinator

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During the Summer of 1959, I was residing in Nashville, Tennessee and in the process of planning migration to Australia. At that time, I was a member of NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena). With a keen interest in UFO reports, the buttons on both my car and home radios were tuned to news programs.

In fact, the news of the Rev. William Gill encounter came to my attention while speeding toward a town just across the State line in Kentucky to investigate a report, when I heard the voice of Rev. Gill describing the New Guinea incident.

This was during the period of history when most researchers were accepting the reports of UFO's but discarding the reports of entities who were operating the strange objects. His account of the appearance of human-like figures on the deck of a most unusual type of craft was one of the main reasons I began to consider this type of report.

It was a few years later, after migrating to Victoria where I became active with VUFORS, that I became acquainted with Rev. Gill and his colleague, the Rev. Norman Crutwell, who passed away only a few weeks ago. All veteran researchers are aware of this case, but for the benefit of younger members, VUFORS was instrumental in setting up meetings and interviews with Rev. Gill and overseas researchers who included Professor James McDonald from the University of Arizona and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the founder of the Center for UFO Studies which is now named in his honor.

The encounter took place at the Anglican Mission Station at Boiani, on the north east

corner of Papua New Guinea, during June of 1959.

Prior to this major event, there was an increasing number of mystery lights sighted by locals in the area, including a doctor. Sightings were also coming from the area where there was a teachers' college and hospital.

Rev. Gill had heard about these objects, but had his doubts about an extraterrestrial origin, until he was called out of the mission station one evening. When he walked out onto his lawn and on looking up saw Venus, where it was supposed to be, but then he saw another Venus! Which was not stationary at all, it wasn't high up at all. ~It was below a cloud~ and he called to a teacher, Stephen who lived next door, to come out and observe the object, which was similar to one that he (Stephen) had seen previously.

By this time, as 38 witnesses watched in amazement, they noted an entity appeared, then two and finally four beings, human in shape. There was also a blue light beam shining from the top of the object, flashing on and off. The beings on the "deck" were active as if they were making some kind of adjustments. Then the object went up through patches of cloud.

Sketches of the object resembled a craft with two decks having four legs extending down from the bottom. Over the years, there have been reports when objects have been on the ground, leaving marks believed to be made by legs projecting from the objects.

The same object returned the following night accompanied by smaller objects which the group referred to as the ~mother ship~. It came right down and the witnesses thought it was going to land. The observers then began to wave and to

their surprise, the occupants waved back.

Later Rev. Gill flashed a torch towards the occupants and received similar responses. Suddenly the object shot across the bay about 30 miles in a second and disappeared.

Over the years, there have been other incidents where objects have responded to humans. I recall while visiting researchers in Central Norway, during the Summer of 1987, the investigators there told me about the period of activity earlier when an object was flying slowly over a valley, flashing lights; when a researcher directed a lazer beam at the object, it responded by doubling its flashes. This spectacular incident brought eight responses to nine attempts. As recently as our last public meeting - December 1995 - a member informed me that only a few months ago, he had received a response to a similar experiment.

If any of our members have had or know of any cases of this nature, we would appreciate a report on this, or any other experience. Names will be kept confidential if desired.

We often receive confirmation of many sightings years after the incidents have occurred.

The Papua New Guinea case is an example. The President, Judy Magee was giving a lecture to a group in Melbourne, when a patrol officer who had been stationed in that area prior to and during the Gill encounter confirmed that the incidents had indeed taken place, and that anything the Rev. Gill said on the subject he would take as 'gospel truth'.

We do appreciate the many letters and items received from our members and friends. It is impossible to respond immediately, but we try to publish examples of UFO activity from various parts of the world and from researchers with whom we are personally acquainted.

Please keep in mind that VUFORS is the largest UFO research organisation in Australia, which creates much work for a few volunteers. From time to time we will have guest speakers at our quarterly Discussion Nights, but may not announce this beforehand, due to the fact that we currently have almost capacity attendance and advertising would possibly require non-admittance of late comers.

So don't miss out, attend regularly, and be prepared to take part in discussions.

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COMPELLING EVIDENCE

It was reported on the computer network on October 28, 1995, that two compelling pieces of evidence were shown at the Dialog With the Universe Conference in Dusseldorf.

The first was a videotape of Astronaut Gordon Cooper saying that he knew for a fact that a UFO landed at an airbase where he was stationed, was filmed landing, and he had been the person who had sent the film and documents to Washington, D. C. If true, this is one piece of filmed evidence that the U.S. government could easily produce for public disclosure. Sufficient time has lapsed for automatic security classification downgrading.

The second was a film shown by Mr. Bongiovanni, the Italian stigmatic, which shows a crashed disc UFO on a 40 foot military flatbed truck. It also shows a big hanger, then shows something (perhaps the propulsion system) being hoisted by chains. It was claimed that the film had come from Wright Patterson AFB and shows a crashed UFO recovered in 1947. If true, this film could be a bigger bombshell than the Santilli films.

This material, when considered along with the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of gun camera films of UFOs taken by military pilots during and since WWII, is a part of a vast and growing reservoir of UFO information that should be made public.

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WARTIME UFOs

The rage and intensity of military battle has often been a magnet for the strange, for UFOs. Speculations vary widely as to why they appear where they do. But in the case of war, some ideas are mighty curious: could it be the simple proximity of violent death?

Might the raw emotions, agonizing pain and deafening sounds

at large in the killing fields

release an

energy of

interest to

the UFO intel-

ligence? Does the

stark, abject brutality of

these events amount to a prime field

study of Earth's most puzzling behav-

ioral habit? Are alien social scientists

simply going where the best data can

be found?

Speculations of this type plainly go far beyond known fact. The following

articles look at facts and the

meaning of them in relation

to UFO history, a history

that appears to include

strategic secrecy and tacti-

cal deceptions that exploit

the UFO phenomenon.

The articles follow

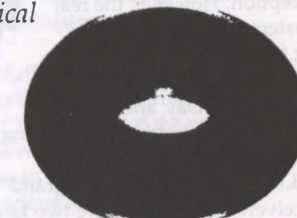
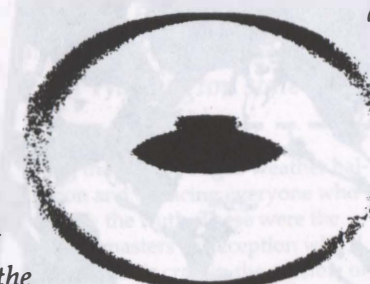
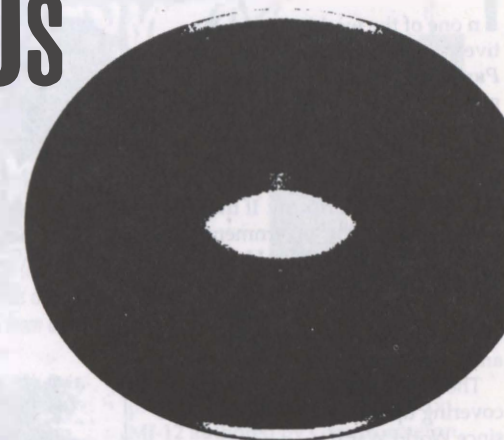
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BORN IN WORLD WAR II: 'THE BIG LIE'

By Ned B. Barnett

"The truth is so precious that it must be protected by a 'bodyguard of lies.'"

—Winston Churchill

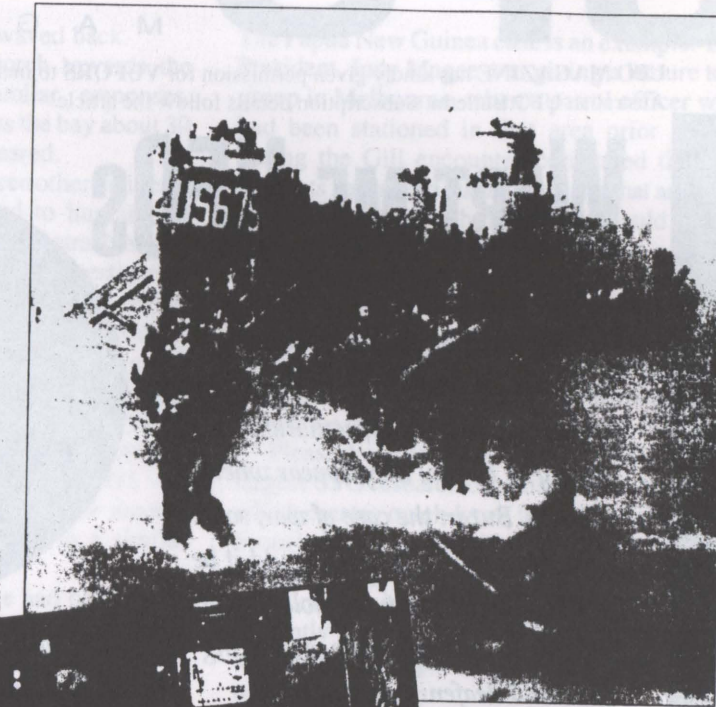
In one of the world's first detective stories, Edgar Allen Poe's *The Purloined Letter*, a valuable stolen government document was hidden in plain sight—by making it look so disreputable that none of the researchers frantically looking for it would take it seriously. If there is a secret behind the government's involvement with UFOs, I believe that it's being hidden right out in the open—and, if we can look beyond its disreputable appearance, we can know the truth.

The government appears to be covering up the biggest secret since World War II, using techniques they refined almost 50 years ago to conceal both our D-Day invasion plans and the fact that, in a project with the code-name ULTRA, we had broken Germany's "unbreakable" code from Hitler.

Masters of deception

In World War II, Hitler's propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels was acknowledged as the master of deception. However, the real masters were the men working for General Eisenhower, who thoroughly misled Hitler regarding D-Day, and kept the ULTRA secret hidden for five long years.

Both Goebbels' and Ike's grand deceivers knew there were two key



A SHORE THING—Due to a well-crafted deception by American forces, Hitler was unprepared for the invasion at Normandy (1944). And little did he know—cryptographers of the time had broken the enemy code encrypting their military communiques.

tactics of every effective deception campaign: 1) Tell the "Big Lie" and keep repeating it; and 2) When the truth comes out, tell it in such a way that no one will believe you.

Though Hitler was the first mas-

ter of the "Big Lie," it was Eisenhower's skilled intelligence team that wove a network of discredited truth and plausible lies around ULTRA—the decisive secret of World War II—and D-Day, which

entailed the most massive armada in human history. This team of deceivers was so effective that Germany kept using the same thoroughly compromised code system throughout the war.

Incredibly, even six weeks after the invasion at Normandy, Hitler still believed that the D-Day landing was a "feint"—he held his awesome 15th Panzer Army in reserve to repulse the "real" invasion, expected momentarily at Calais.

Forces for cover-up

These same two forces—the Big Lie and the discredited truth—appear to be at work today in covering up the truth about UFOs. The smoking gun appears to be in the hands of our own government—a government protecting the truth with an elaborate, multi-layered 50-year cover-up campaign that was originally crafted by the same deception wizards who so effectively protected D-Day.

Today's Big Lies, quite simply, are that UFOs don't exist and that the government has no interest in this phenomenon. But what of the discredited truths?

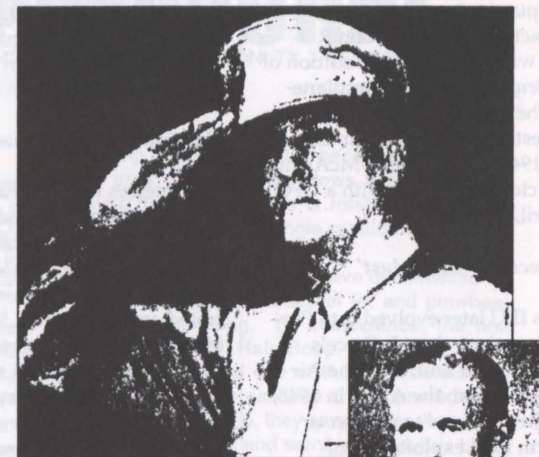
To find out, I asked myself what I would do if I wanted to hide a truth as monstrous as, let's say, the presence of aliens among us. The answers I came up with fit, with a remarkable degree of congruency, patterns I can discern in the shifting sands of UFO "truth" over the past nearly 50 years. What follows is speculation, but it's speculation that, to me, has the ring of truth.

Officialdom's 'head in the sand'

The "Big Lie" is apparent to anyone who's studied the reality of UFOs—or experienced it firsthand—and knows of the government's consistent head-in-the-sand public posture. "UFOs don't exist," they say. "We're not interested in

this phenomenon," they say. Seriously, does anyone who's studied the UFO phenomenon—regardless of personal belief—swallow this hear-no-evil/see-no-evil/speak-no-evil stance?

Less apparent is the government's pervasive use of "discredited truth" to hide the reality of their involvement. It can be speculated that today's active deception plan was apparently begun late in the 1940s—shortly after the sightings in Washington state and the Roswell crash in New Mexico. After an initial press leak, the masters of deception moved in, show-



GEMS FROM THE GENERALS—World War II's starring Generals Douglas MacArthur (above) and George C. Marshall (right) both made public comments about the reality of people from other planets.

unit was formed as an in-house project . . ." (Quoted in a report on MJ-12 authored by Grant Cameron and Scott Crain.)

The smoking gun for the cre-

It can be speculated that today's active deception plan was begun in the late 1940s—shortly after the sightings in Washington state and the Roswell crash.

ing the press a bogus weather balloon and silencing everyone who knew the truth. These were the same masters of deception who'd honed their craft in the crucible of World War II.

Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit

The fact that they moved so fast was no accident. Prior to Roswell, the Army had established the IPU—Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit—at Camp Hale, Colorado, a fact inadvertently confirmed by Lt. Col. Lance Corrine, Director of Counterintelligence in 1984: "The

ation of this unit points to Generals George C. Marshall and Douglas MacArthur. Marshall, when asked in 1951 about UFOs by Dr. Rolf Alexander, said, "There had actually been contact with the men in the UFOs, and that on three occasions there had been landings which had proved disastrous for the occupants."

MacArthur, not to be outdone, said in the *New York Times* in 1955, "The nations of the world will have to unite, for the next war will be an interplanetary war. The nations of the earth must some day make a common front

against attack by people from other planets."

In fact, according to John R. Frick, writing in the 1982 edition of *The News World*, the Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit was originally established in the Far East in early 1945, after General McArthur had a close encounter with a UFO in April, 1945.

IPU becomes 'Moondust'

This IPU later evolved into Project Moondust, the Air Force's crash retrieval unit, after the Air Force split from the Army in 1948, with the mission "to recover or perform field exploitation of unidentified flying objects..." This unit is now known as the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron. (For more on the 4602nd, see p. 4.)

Their task apparently started at Roswell, and their task was to conceal the truth by discrediting it. They did it just like the Normandy invasion planners, knowing that Hitler expected an invasion of Europe, created a huge, non-existent army around General George S. Patton, Jr., the American military genius whom the Nazis expected to lead the invasion. Using inflatable tanks and canvas barracks—supported by a few companies of radiomen whose job was to simulate entire divisions—the masters of deception convinced Hitler that the real invasion would come at Calais.

That was in 1944—and even with the evidence of the Normandy invasion there for all to see, Hitler believed in the Calais invasion—until it was too late to throw the Allies back into the sea. At that time, Patton flew to France and took command of the army, just as the Germans knew he would.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, while continuing to use the Big Lie to publicly deny the reality of UFOs, these hidden dream-weavers laid the groundwork for

discrediting the truth behind what was happening—and the government's role in it. The government was involved, but didn't want anyone "outside" to know.

Harassment, infiltration

Witnesses to UFOs had their past lives examined and exposed to harsh, often inaccurate public scrutiny, while legitimate research organizations were quietly infiltrated and discredited from within. However, with massive and serious international UFO scholarship that has been underway since the late 1970s, the keepers of secrets knew that large and small portions of the truth had to come out. Rather than sit back and wait for the inevitable, they began to release portions of the truth—but in ways that made it certain that the truth would be discredited. They did this by, in Churchill's words, protecting the truth with a bodyguard of lies—probably the most classic technique of secrecy used by intelligence experts in their counterespionage programs:

* After years of attempts to uncover the truth, authoritative-looking documents proving the existence of the secret government entity, MJ-12, suddenly surface—but in a fashion so bizarre that their credibility is immediately and consistently questioned.

* Researchers such as Linda Howe say they were told by apparently authoritative government sources that the time for secrecy is past. With promises of government help, she prepared a detailed TV documentary on UFOs—only to have the government abruptly withdraw its cooperation too late to salvage the production.

* The smart but eccentric Bob Lazar goes public with claims that he back-engineered government-owned flying saucers at a secret base in Nevada. But when details of the researcher's past become

public, and when the government denies the existence of much of his career, the man's entire story is called into question.

* Respected researcher and engineer Paul Bennewitz intercepts provocative transmissions and may have obtained valid evidence of a truly remarkable meeting between unidentified objects and Air Force personnel; however, every time he tries to go public, events transpire to call into question his credibility. It culminates with his mental breakdown at the hands of Air Force henchmen working with self-confessed "spy" Bill Moore. Finally, using a computer-fuzzed image and voice, a purported Air Force intelligence agent claims to have destroyed Bennewitz—but this "source" is himself called into question when his story fails to hang together.

There are other examples—researchers who are mysteriously labeled "disinformers," and whose credibility is forever-after destroyed. Or other legitimate researchers who are slowly fed information, obviously true at first, but increasingly "out there"—to the point where their initial observations are discredited with the same broad brush that paints their more fantastic revelations. And in the UFO research field, once a researcher is discredited—that's pretty much it.

This is informed speculation. However, for those who understand the techniques of propaganda and who have studied the successful government deception campaigns of World War II, the pattern is solid. In and of itself, this doesn't bring us any closer to the truth, but it may encourage some to look beyond the discredited "source" to the underlying truth that has been hidden, right in front of our eyes, for so many years. ●

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HALE-BOPP, NEW COMET?

It was announced on July 24, 1995 that a new comet had been discovered by Alan Hale of Cloudcroft, NM and Thomas Bopp of Stanfield, AZ.

Hale discovered the new comet around 11 pm on July 22 and Bopp discovered it about 30 minutes later.

Since the initial announcement there has been some speculation by the media the Comet Hale-Bopp is not a comet at all. Instead it is some kind of artificial structure headed for Earth.

Is it a comet or not? Well, it certainly has the characteristics of a comet. Initial observations indicated that the comet was between magnitude 10.5 and 11. It has some condensation and a short tail or elongation toward the north.

By August, the comet had been widely observed, with most observers agreeing that the comet was magnitude 10.5, 2 to 3 arc minutes across, and weakly condensed.

A very precise orbit has now been plotted, indicating that Hale-Bopp is moving in a long-period ellipse. Its current orbital period is 4,000 years. Orbital data is as follows (equinox 2000.0):

Epoch=1995 Oct. 10.0 TT

T=1997 April 1.3922 TT

e=0.996348

q=0.916702 AU

Argument of Perihelion=130.4405 deg.

Ascending Node=282.4733 deg.

Inclination=88.8797 deg.

HUBBLE SEES HALE-BOPP

New pictures from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope of comet Hale-Bopp show a remarkable spiral "pinwheel" pattern and a "blob" of free-flying debris near the comet's nucleus.

Although the comet is still well outside the orbit of Jupiter (almost 600 million miles from Earth) it looks surprisingly bright, fueling predictions that it could become the brightest comet of the century in early 1997. The Hubble observations will help scientists determine if Hale-Bopp is really a giant comet or rather a more moderate-sized object whose current activity is driven by outgassing from very volatile ice which will "burn out" over the next year.

The bright clump of light along the spiral may be a piece of the comet's icy crust that was ejected into space by a combination of ice evaporation and the comet's rotation, which then disintegrated into a visible cloud of particles.

Although the ejected "blob" is about 3.5 times fainter than the brightest portion of the nucleus,

the clump appears brighter because it covers a larger area. The debris follows a spiral pattern because the solid nucleus is rotating like a lawn sprinkler, completing a single rotation about once per week.

Ground-based observations have documented at least two separate episodes of jet and pinwheel formation and fading. By coincidence, the first Hubble images of Hale-Bopp, taken Sept. 26, immediately followed one of these outbursts and allow researchers to examine it in unprecedented detail. For the first time, they saw a clear separation between the nucleus and some of the debris being shed.

By putting together information from the Hubble images and those taken during the recent outburst using a telescope at the Teide Observatory at Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain, astronomers found that the debris is moving away from the nucleus at a speed of about 68 miles per hour.

TOUTATIS IS A STRANGE OBJECT

The Earth-crossing asteroid Toutatis is one of the strangest objects in the solar system, with a highly irregular shape and an extraordinary complex "tumbling" rotation.

The vast majority of asteroids and all of the planets spin about a single axis, but Toutatis flops in all directions.

One consequence of this strange rotation is that Toutatis does not have a fixed north pole like the Earth. Instead, its north pole wanders along a curve on the asteroid about every 5.4 days.

On September 29, 2004, Toutatis will pass by Earth at a range of four times the distance between the Earth and Moon, the closest approach of any known asteroid or comet between now and 2060.

Toutatis has dimensions of 2.9 miles by 1.5 miles by 1.2 miles. Numerous surface features, including a pair of half-mile-wide craters, side by side, and a series of three prominent ridges, are presumed to be the result of impacts.

Earth-crossing asteroids are of great interest to scientists for their relationships to meteorites, main-belt asteroids and comets; as targets of human or robotic exploration; as sources of materials with potential commercial value; and as long-term collision hazards. Nearly 300 Earth-crossing asteroids have been discovered, but the entire population is thought to include some 1,500 objects larger than one kilometer and some 135,000 objects that are larger than 100 meters.

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CYLINDRICAL OBJECT HOVERING IN GLOWING GREEN HAZE

From: SHROPSHIRE STAR, Wellington, England,
August 24, 1995

Three police officers saw flashing lights of a different kind today when they were on patrol in the Midlands.

The uniform officers were in Aldridge at 1 am today when they saw a cylindrical object with a glowing, green haze hovering over the Great Barr area of Birmingham.

They immediately rang Walsall police station in Green Lake before contact a UFO investigation unit in Birmingham.

Today the force helicopter was circling the area to look for burnt areas of something which could explain the phenomenon.

Police are playing down the sighting saying it may have been caused by meteor activity. But research astronomer Dr. Robin Catchpole at the Royal Greenwich Observatory said the night skies had been quiet this week and he could not think of any logical explanation.

A police spokeswoman said three on-duty officers reported seeing the haze. They investigated the area but could not find anything.

SOLDIER SEES A SAUCER!

From: ADNEWS, Willenhall, England, Aug. 3, 1995

Aliens do exist and have come to Earth to monitor us. That's the firm belief of soldier Rob Cleverdon.

His whole family saw a saucer over their Broreton home just two years ago. Yet, despite holding Ministry of Defense documents which confirm there was an unidentified object in the sky but fail to explain the March 1993 sighting. Instead, 32-year old Rob claimed he was "fobbed off" with a number of other excuses.

"They refuse to accept there's something out there," he said. "It's just a big cover-up."

Explanations for the sighting, which was also spotted hundreds of miles away on the same night, were laser beams, low orbits, satellites, or reflection from clouds. Even a leading ufologist failed to put his finger on the out-of-this-world experience.

Rob, a Territorial Army member, said the craft was spotted over his home, at The Green, on a balmy March evening. It stood out in the light from the full moon, he said.

"My daughter went out on the yard with the dog and came running back inside screaming. Myself, my wife, my sister's boyfriend and my son all came out and saw it too."

He said the object which lit up the sky had a bright, creamy light and was the shape of two saucers side by side. And it had a source of light underneath it.

"It was about 300 meters wide by about 150 high," he said. "It was hovering above the sky before we watched it just shoot out of sight. It was gone within a matter of seconds."

The saucer was spotted several miles away on the same night, including by military police at RAF Cosford. Rod had even checked with airport authorities. There was no record of aircraft flying out at that time.

"It traveled across the coast - up to 400 miles in just a few minutes."

CAT REACTS TO UFO

From: EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES, Ipswich, England, July 19, 1995.

Rachel Lowden was happily watching Richard Burton and Liz Taylor giving their all in the film of Edward Albee's masterpiece "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" when her cat gave the first inkling that all was not as it seemed.

"The cat ran to the window and started acting strangely - you know, the way they do when they've seen something."

When Rachel got to the window of her home in Valley View Close, Highwoods, she saw two big round orange lights apparently hovering over the trees of the country park nearby.

Much larger than airplane lights, the lights sent down beams to add to the ghostly atmosphere. "I'm not a believer in these things," said Rachel, "but it was just the way it moved which was abnormal."

The sighting took place at 2:20 am on July 18.

CABBIES' UFO SHOCKER

From: SOUTHERN DAILY ECHO, Southampton, England, Aug. 18, 1995

Two taxi drivers watched open-mouthed as a mysterious glowing ball of light with a long tail sped across the sky above Southampton.

Michael McMahon and Mike Swatridge were on the late shift for Streamline Taxis when they spotted the low-flying UFO. Mr. McMahon said: "It was fantastic. I've never seen anything like it before. It was a shining ball of light moving horizontally across the sky. It was shifting so fast. It was unbelievable."

The pair gazed as the object - which they described as nearly as big as the moon - zoomed across the city yesterday morning.



Surgeon, a UFO buff, operated and found . . .

"We haven't heard of anything that, without the shadow of a doubt, couldn't have been made here on Earth. Let's see the evidence."

Barry Karr

Center for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

By STEVE CHAWKINS
Scripps Howard News Service

VENTURA, Calif. — He didn't want his name used. He's a California surgeon and he's scared of repercussions.

"I'd probably be ostracized, I'd be criticized, maybe I'd even lose my license," he said. "People with credibility who put themselves forward in this field could wind up dead, in jail or out of business."

He performed the operations anyway, before witnesses and a video camera. He cut into the big toe of a woman and into the back of a man's hand. Both believed they'd been abducted by aliens. From both, he extracted small foreign objects with some unusual properties.

"No one has the answers," he said. "But we all know something's going on."

The doctor has been active in UFO groups for five years. Through them, he met a Houston UFO researcher who sent the purported abductees here for surgery last August.

The patients didn't know each other. Nei-

ther had been aware of the objects they carried. Neither bore any nearby scars or punctures. In both cases, the objects came to light in x-rays for minor, unrelated injuries.

The doctor was prepared for ingrown follicles or shards of plastic.

"I was as doubting as anyone else," he said.

But in decades of practice, he'd never seen anything quite like what he fished out.

The objects were encased in a thick, dark membrane. But these weren't cysts, he said. They were so tough, his scalpel couldn't cut them.

The object in the man was the size of a cantaloupe seed; one of the woman's two was T-shaped. Both patients jerked back when the doctor touched the objects — an unusual reaction for people calmed by hypnosis and placed on local anesthetics.

Back in Texas, the membranes were dried out and cut open, revealing tiny, highly magnetic pieces of a shiny black metal. Under ultraviolet light, they glowed a brilliant green — same as the "fingerprints" on the thighs and backs of some who claim to have been abducted, the doctor said.

Samples of the normal tissue surrounding

continued on page 29.

UFOs On The Internet

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Introducing the VUFORS Web Site

Not only can the Society now be contacted via email at vufors@ozemail.com.au. VUFORS has recently built a Web page for those of you with World Wide Web access.

Point your browser to:

<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~vufors>

The aim of the site is to provide information about the Society and the UFO subject in general to Society members as well as to anyone with an interest in the subject.

As with most Web sites, ours is under construction and will continue to be in this state for the rest of its life as information is continually added and updated.

Please let us know what you think of the site by sending email to our above address.

30th Anniversary of UFO Crash at Kecksburg

30 years ago on Thursday the 9th of December, 1965 at about 4:45 p.m., a bright fiery object hurtled across the sky above the Great Lakes, leaving a smoky trail in its wake, until it finally came to ground at Kecksburg, Westmoreland County, in southwestern Pennsylvania, about forty miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Many witnesses thought that they were observing an aircraft going down in flames.

Not only did many people in the surrounding area see the object plummet, there were also many involved in the search operation that then occurred including local volunteer fire brigade members. The military soon arrived on the scene and took control with the official line that "there was nothing whatsoever in the woods".

Later that night, witnesses saw a military flatbed truck emerge from the woods, lashed on top of it was a large, tarp-shrouded object, its shape described variously as resembling an upside down acorn, a mushroom, or a bullet.

Thanks for this item go to Richard Frager
rfrager@teleport.com

Further information on the Kecksburg crash can be found at:

<http://www.rutgers.edu/test/ufo/kecksburg>

Mars Face - Exploration Priorities

With the November 1996 launch of the Mars Global Surveyor draws ever nearer, there is much debate on the Net about whether NASA will give enough priority to the Cydonia region ('The Face on Mars') for further mapping.

NASA's overall policy is one of giving high priority only to objects of high "scientific interest", and the debated objects are considered by the Camera Principal Investigator (Dr. Michael C. Malin) as of "moderate to low" scientific interest.

Thanks to Bruce Blagg bruceblagg@aol.com for this item.

Further information can be found at:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/mcdrpt/>

NRO 'misplaces' \$2 Billion

The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), the until recently, secret arm of the US government tasked with developing and maintaining the spy satellite network reported that it had 'misplaced' at least \$2 Billion dollars. Makes you wonder where the money has gone.

An unofficial NRO page can be found at:

<http://www.fas.org/pub/gen/fas/irp/nro/index.html>

Internet UFO Group

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HOAGLAND'S MARS: VCL.3, "THE MOON/MARS CONNECTION", B.C.VIDEO, P.O.BOX 2284, S.BURLINGTON, VT.

Richard Hoagland presented an illustrated lecture to scientists on June 2, 1994 at Ohio State University. After noting that Arthur C. Clark, co-author of the film "2001"; a Space Odyssey", affirms his work, posed several pertinent questions. Why -- after we sent 12 men the 230,000 miles to the moon -- have we kept trained astronauts home? Why have only a few inside NASA seen the real pictures of the moon? Why has there been only one moon mission since 1972; and why was that a secret military operation to orbit a satellite around the moon? We observe 60 percent of the moon's surface while the other 40 percent is considered dark. What does the military hope to observe except the debris of human manufacture left behind by our astronauts?

NAASA's Charter, July 1958, proposed space exploration with "The widest possible dissemination of information to citizens of our country, and -- through them -- throughout the world." The April 18, 1959 Brookings Institute Report to NAASA on the implications of its mission to our society, page 218. "Artifacts may be found on the moon, Mars and Venus ... Anthropological studies have shown that societies contacted by superior beings have disintegrated or have changed values or cultural form." NAASA was then faced with a paradoxical conflict between the freedom information its charter mandated and the warning against sharing any data about possible alien contact. Hoagland's discovery of the apparent "Face on Mars" could be such a forbidden artifact, but of course NASA denies that.

In the Victorian Age, U.S. scientists suggested creation of huge geometrical symbols dug into the sand of desert plains, illuminated at night, to be observed by alien scientists on other planets so they could report, "There is sentient life on planet earth." The artifacts seen in early NASA Mars photos link geometrically and "Geometry is the universal language of science." There is evidence of an equilateral triangle in two dimensions; or -- in a three dimensional extrapolation -- a tetrahedon. Yet the latest Mars Observer probe achieved every scientific goal except photograph the monument sites it passed; and -- a little later -- disappeared. Why? Bad design? Impaired instrumentation? Or NASA-Brookings' blinders?

Now a whole new physics is developing from the geometry of the Mars monuments' placement. The mathematics became an accurate predictor of atmospheric upwellings on all the planets in the solar system. Hoagland's scientific team proposed a theory differing with NASA's concerning hurricanes, cyclones, volcanic eruptions, etc. and predicted the cyclonic upwelling at 19.5 latitude before NASA's Mars mapping confirmed their data on Mars and other planets. They also predicted placement of the volcanoes on Mars' planet Io before NASA substantiated that tetrahedral upwelling. This new mathematical geometry suggests a possibly massive energy source: tapping four, five or six dimensions of power which now filter down to earth's third dimension to produce hurricanes and volcanoes. Jupiter produces twice energy absorbed.

The earth-moon system is unique, "A double planetary system," according to Isaac Azimov. One earth year approximates 13 moon orbits and 30 days is one moon year. The Clementine Moon Satellite was dispatched by NASA in 1995 but the lunar rocket also disappeared. The moon's Lukert Crater, closest to earth, boasts an equilateral triangle in its midst with three equal bright spots forming a tetrahedon. Some being apparently left an apparent artifact for us to see; but NASA claims it is a natural phenomenon.

Earth shows life: water, foliage, soil cover and sedimentary rock. Mars' and earth's deserts both show corrosive wind and water erosion, and occasional meteoric impact. Perhaps Mars once boasted cultures like our ancient Anasazi in Arizona who survived 1000 years until water disappeared. The moon has 15 million square miles (about 12 square miles explored by humans) impacted incessantly by meteoric rain and atomic radiation. Space dust becomes bullets moving at a little less than the speed of light (about 30 miles per second) causing hyper-velocity impact which releases energy close to that of an equivalent atomic bomb. Yet one NASA photo shows a five to six mile high shard which -- if it were simply lunar rock -- should not have survived such bombardment by hundreds of thousands of meteors and millions of dust particles.

The Hoagland team's superior computer scanning methodology made the picture produced by NASA's inferior technology interpretable as a planned structure. The shard and "its tail" are not coordinated with the angled meteorite erosion on the adjoining lunar surface. The spire appears to be built on a tripod and its structure seems to include substructures. From "floor to roof" the five to six mile high shard rises, a crystalline, glasslike object. Again crystalline objects are inconsistent with the lunar environment. The darker interior frame seems to support at great height four square crystalline light-scattering cubes which link into one large cube. What causes such an anomalous geometric sculpture? Why has NASA not released more of their photo frames?

NASA Apollo photos 3854, 3855 and 3856 purportedly offer Hoagland's construction on the moon theory support. Taken from 70 miles above the moon, with the sun backlighting low on the horizon, the pictures show the top of the shard as an oval among many globes of round light specks which Richard Hoagland explains as particle scattering in the moon's environment which lacks the atmosphere to radiate after-light at sunset. His explanation, "The sunlight is diffracted and particulates scattered because it is passing through the crystalline shard which acts as a dirty window which is backlit. That theory sounds better than NASA's, "The sun, low on the horizon, is amplifying dust which hovers several inches above a lunar electrostatic field", Hoagland, noting horizontal breaks in the refracted light, suggests that this is the shadow of the rectangular framing of steelhard glass pillars and rebars. NASA has admitted that -- if it were to build a lunar space base it would be constructed on the spot from glass made from the moon's silicon. Certainly that is an abundant resource.

The second photo also shows a descending line of lights reflecting off spike points which descend to the shard. The last photo is said to depict the rectangular series of structured "stories" most clearly. Hyperdimensional physics and technological bonding of aligned crystals yielding the strength of steel would, according to Hoagland, allow seven mile high structure in the moon's low-gravity environment.

Hoagland ends by challenging those with the NASA moon site photos who are computer buffs to get on the Internet. There they can be part of a new space program, doing circular pans around an artifact shown only with length and width in original NASA pictures.

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LORD HILL-NORTON SPEAKS AGAIN

Just when many folk in Britain were no doubt hoping that the bogus piece of "Roswell" film footage (maybe made in Brazil -- "where the nuts come from"?) had put paid to our subject or at least knocked it right out of the news for a while -- lo, the pesky UFOs have bounced back again onto the front page, with reports (*Sunday Telegraph* and *Guardian*, both of September 3) that there is talk again in the European Community about that hoary old scheme⁽¹⁾ to set up a "European UFO Observation Station", which would probe such matters as the big "Belgian triangle" of March 31, 1990⁽²⁾ and that, once again, the importance of this famous Belgian case is vouched for by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, GCB, Chief of Britain's Defence Staff in 1971-73 (and a man who, in his time, has occupied pretty well all of Britain's top Defence and Naval posts!)

The *Guardian's* initial report of September 3rd about the Admiral's views on the "Belgian triangle" was couched in entirely civilized language, but later when interviewing the Admiral by telephone, somebody at the *Guardian* got angry because Hill-Norton had complained at his stupid questioning and had "hung up" on him. The result, in the *Guardian* of September 5th, was a fine piece of coarse, guttersnipe abuse, which evidently shows the *Guardian* in a truer light:—

"Lord Hill-Norton needn't worry. No words that I could put into his mouth would be half as embarrassing as the drivel he spews forth himself. Still, he can't be blamed. After a few years in the House of Lords even I might begin to believe that the Martians have landed".

The accompanying gross and vulgar ⁽³⁾ cartoon shows two "spacemen", with the obligatory TV aerials atop their helmets, watching Lord Hill-Norton on a TV screen and one of them is saying:—

"Amazing. It appears that they talk out of their backsides."

Truly, this is evidently "*Guardian culture*" in its purest and highest form. How comforting it is for the rest of us to know that the Monarchy and aristocracy and upper classes, who for centuries past ran this country so successfully and made it great, are now superseded and replaced by a new ruling class possessed of true breeding and culture -- the Super-Whizboys and Girls of the Media, our new dictators and the arbiters of our lives and our morality, and just about every other darned thing too. They will know how to deal with pipsqueaks like Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton who -- unlike them -- as we are all so well aware -- has never done a thing for Britain.

Britain's fine heritage is safe in their hands. Monarchy, Parliament, the Courts, all can now be closed down, and we can go back to sleep under the ever-watchful and baneful eyes of these "benevolent" scumbags, our new Rulers, the British Press.



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NEWS

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Northern Territory News, Wednesday

UFO close to me: stationhand

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saw the mystery object. It was about 7.30 pm.

The stationhand said: "There were only a few clouds in the sky that night; it was a relatively clear evening.

"I climbed out of my ute to open a gate when I noticed the cattle were acting strangely.

"They were all just standing

there really passively — even a herd of brumbies, which usually bolt when you approach them.

"I felt a bit of a rushing wind and heard a sound like a willy willy.

"I turned around and there it was — a UFO."

The hand said the "cylindrical" object was about 45m away and "hovered silently" two tree

heights above the ground. He said the UFO was a "darkish, grayish color" and was about 30m long with a "box-like thing underneath".

The stationhand compared it with a Zeppelin airship.

"But it didn't have the ridges characteristic of a Zeppelin," he said.

He said the box underneath the

UFO remained still, while the cylindrical part above rotated steadily.

"There were no ridges in it — it looked clear and highly polished, but because it was spinning it appeared like a dull matt glass," he said.

The UFO had no lights, aerials or windows.

The stationhand said he noticed

a "funky smell"; like hot metal. He said he stood looking at the UFO for two minutes.

"I was just trying to work out what it was," he said.

"I know it was not a cloud formation — it had been manufactured.

"It could have been something the RAAF wasn't telling us about or a genuine UFO.

"If I was threatened I would have grabbed a rifle I keep in the car and would have used the bugger if I needed to.

"But the cattle weren't frightened; they acted as though it was just another everyday event."

The stationhand said he went to the utility and started it.

He then grabbed a throwaway camera he kept for "interesting things" and held it out of the window, taking a couple of photos.

He would not allow the NT News to develop the film.

The stationhand said: "I looked back a second time while I was driving and it was still there; on my third look back it had disappeared."

Ruby Downs owner Jo Groves said yesterday he would support the stationhand's story, although he hadn't seen anything resembling the UFO himself.

"He's a sensible man," Mr Groves said. "I'd vouch for him to tell the truth."

Herald-Sun Melbourne. 6th Feb. '96.

UFO loose over loch

LONDON — A monster UFO reported by several people in north-west Scotland at the weekend may have escaped from Loch Ness.

Police at nearby Ullapool who gave chase but failed to catch up with the large shimmering object in the sky admitted they were baffled.

Coastguards keeping a look-out for the UFO said it might be a promotion blimp that broke loose from a party at Aldourie Castle at Loch Ness held to celebrate the world premiere of the film *Loch Ness*, starring *Cheers* star Ted Danson.

-PA

Northern Territory News, Monday, January 22, 1996

UFO sighted by NT couple

Two more Territorians have reported seeing a UFO.

Melville Island baker Michael Benton and his wife Kerri saw "a strange light" from their Garden Point home.

Mr Benton, 28, said: "There have been too many UFO sightings for them all to be written off as burning garbage or Min-Min lights."

The report follows UFO sightings at Palmerston and Ruby Downs Station, 200 km south-west of Darwin.

Mr Benton said he was woken just after midnight by his wife

after she saw the light just above tree height.

He said: "The light was orange and dashed from side to side.

"There was a reddish light inside the orange glow, towards the bottom.

Vanished

"I couldn't compare it to anything I've ever seen; it moved like no earthly thing could.

"It moved about for half an hour and then just disappeared.

"When it went, there

was glow in the sky for a split second, almost as if there had been a great burst of energy."

Meanwhile, salesman Peter Jacobs has enlarged the photographs he took of a UFO over Palmerston on New Year's Eve.

Troy Horton, Darwin head of the UFO watch, believes the lights were blazing garbage put up by pranksters.

But Mr Jacobs said: "Burning bags wouldn't give off identical lights."



DELINE REPORT

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Aliens and the Sudbury connection

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DELVE REPORT - JANUARY 1996

THE TORONTO STAR Monday, January 22, 1996

UFO sightings have Territories town in a trance

By GWEN DAMBROFSKY CANADIAN PRESS

A mystery of paranormal proportions has the Northwest Territories town of Fort Resolution in a kind of trance.

Every evening since Jan. 4, townsfolk have stepped outside and looked up, hoping to catch another glimpse of a trio of pulsating, multicolored lights dancing across the cold night sky.

"They have rarely been disappointed. We're seeing exactly the same object every single night ... between about 5 o'clock and 8 o'clock. Then it

completely disappears," Mayor Euan Hunter says.

"It's quite calming actually, especially when all the colors come out from underneath it."

The unidentified flying object so intrigued a colonel in the Canadian Armed Forces that he and two staff members hopped into a Twin Otter plane and flew out for a look-see.

"The witnesses were pretty credible, actually," says Capt. Susan Gray, public affairs officer for the military in Yellowknife.

"A few of our Canadian Rangers

(Dene and Inuit who serve in a reserve force) had seen it. And the mayor."

But wouldn't you know it, Gray says — by the time Col. Pierre Leblanc got to Fort Resolution the skies had clouded over and he had to leave without seeing anything.

"This is the biggest story since I got up here last summer. UFO sightings or paranormal phenomena are not something that Canada's military deals in very often," says Gray.

Leblanc will file a report with the Defence Operation Centre in Ottawa,

which deals with about 30 or 40 UFO reports a year.

But though the military's official role may be concluded, the Fort Resolution UFO is still the talk of the base.

Hunter says the object has red, green and blue lights with a constant white light in the centre. It moves straight west, and then down, before vanishing. It's not a star, not a planet, not the northern lights, he says: "I just cannot explain it."

"The first few days (of sightings) I was pretty sceptical, until I saw it ... it blew my socks off."

International Roswell Initiative

November 1, 1995

Bulletin #4

By Kent Jeffrey

PROGRESS AND STRATEGY

The International Roswell Initiative (IRI) continues to gain momentum, both internationally and in the United States. Roswell Declarations are now being collected by organizations in ten countries, with the number continuing to increase. Over 20,000 signed Declarations have been collected so far. In addition to hundreds of scientists and engineers, the signatories include two retired Air Force generals and two former U.S. astronauts, one of whom walked on the moon.

The ultimate goal of the IRI remains an Executive order for a blanket declassification of any government held information on Roswell, UFOs in general, or extraterrestrial intelligence. Indications are that the vast majority of U.S. citizens favor such an open policy and that many would support a political effort to achieve it. The growth potential for the IRI is tremendous. Efforts will be stepped up after the first of the year.

Originally the plan of the IRI was simply to collect a large number of signed Roswell Declarations and then, in a one-time effort, deliver them to members of the U.S. Congress and the President, hoping in the process to generate enough political and media support to eventually bring about the desired Executive order. Due in part to an overwhelmingly positive response, it has been decided to keep the International Roswell Initiative an ongoing effort. A strategy of continual pressure ("hammering away") generally has a far greater chance of

success in the long term than does a "one shot" approach.

The revised strategy of the IRI is to continue to collect and keep on file as many signed copies of the Roswell Declaration as possible, enter the information from these Declarations into a confidential database, and then periodically deliver computerized printouts of all signatories to the Declaration (categorized both by state and Congressional district) to members of Congress and the President. The plan is for the first formal delivery of lists of signatories to Congress and the White House to take place in 1996. Simultaneously, organizations in other countries will deliver lists of Roswell Declaration signatories in their countries to their respective American embassies.

VOLUNTEER AND MEDIA SUPPORT

The IRI has been a true grassroots movement, as all work has been done by volunteers who have paid their own expenses. Many have helped by making copies of the Roswell Declaration and distributing them to others, sometimes in large numbers, at meetings and conferences. Others have volunteered to help, using their home computers, with the monumental task of recording the data from signed Roswell Declarations into the IRI database. Packets of 500 Declarations, along with the necessary software, are being sent to each volunteer. All in all, those involved are motivated solely by their desire to help in this quest for the truth.

The effort has also been helped immeasurably by certain media organizations, most notably, "Omni" magazine when they published the Roswell Declaration in their October 1994 issue. More recently, "Sightings" aired a nice human interest story (produced by Rob Morhaim) about the efforts of high school students in Londonderry, New Hampshire, who collected over 800 signed Roswell Declarations.

THE SANTILLI FILM

Unfortunately, this unwelcome monstrosity remains with us. When a hoax overshadows the real event, credibility suffers. The situation has been greatly exacerbated by the cheap hype and irresponsible, so-called journalism of the FOX network special, "Alien Autopsy, Fact or Fiction," which aired on August 28, 1995. The FOX presentation gave the impression that a multitude of interdisciplinary experts felt that there was a real chance that the Santilli film was genuine. In reality, that is anything but the case. The FOX special was a classic example of a selective presentation of the facts and selective editing.

The Roswell production for British television, which aired on the same date, was far more objective and superior to the FOX presentation. However, even the British production could have spent more time on the actual Roswell case and a lot less time on the obviously hoaxed Santilli footage.

On September 16, 1995, the American program "Sightings" aired an excellent short (8 1/2 minutes) expose on the Santilli film. Also, TF1, a French television network, has been carrying out a diligent and thorough investigation of the Santilli film for a number of months. Many of the findings of their excellent effort were presented on a network show broadcast in France and hosted by Jacques Pradel on October 23, 1995.

As inconsistencies, contradictions, and lies regarding the Santilli film continue to surface, it seems incomprehensible that anyone who looks

at the facts objectively could think that there is even a scintilla of a chance that this film is genuine. In my opinion, many of the statements made by so-called expert witnesses and researchers concerning the Santilli film are reprehensible. I have been in frequent contact with the TF1 investigative team in France and plan a comprehensive follow-up to my earlier bulletin on the Santilli film (IRI Bulletin #2 - also published as an article in the June 1995 "MUFON Journal").

FUTURE ROSWELL RESEARCH

Equally important to the political effort in resolving the Roswell matter is the research effort to find surviving witnesses to the 1947 event and to investigate all leads and other possible sources of information. There are still a number of possibilities to pursue.

THE ROSWELL WORLD WIDE WEB PAGE

The temporary address of the IRI web page is: <http://users.aol.com/IUFOG>. The IRI can also presently be contacted at the following email address: RoswellDec@aol.com

The IRI web page should be available on the Internet under its permanent domain name by the end of November. The domain address will be:

<http://www.roswell.org>

Using the Roswell web page, it will be possible for people to electronically sign the Roswell Declaration using their email address in lieu of a handwritten signature. This has the potential to increase the number of signatories substantially.

All future IRI special reports will be available on the web page. There will be a special report on the Santilli film available in early December and a special report on the 1994 Air Force Report on the Roswell Incident sometime after the first of the year. Starting in January 1996 there will be regular Roswell updates posted on the IRI web page at the beginning of each month.



How far is....

Far Out?

What is space?

Silly question! Everyone knows what space is, we learnt about it in school and take it for granted. Space is a vacuum, the void between the earth, the moon and the stars. We know that space is not actually a complete vacuum, but contains minute amounts of gas and dust. What's more, light and radio waves travel through space without need of a medium (unlike sound, which needs matter for transmission) at a fixed maximum speed (300,000 kilometres per second). Space is the passive backdrop of the universe, everything happens *in* space, so space can be essentially ignored. On the infinitesimal scale space is the 'gaps' in between atomic and sub-atomic particles.

We can introduce into this very simple understanding of space, a few small complications based on the insights of Albert Einstein. This space that we all take for granted, which is measured in three dimensions, height, width and depth has one other non-spatial (i.e. you can't see it) dimension of time. This space-time combination is *not* the same everywhere, and is in fact bent or distorted by gravity. To be more exact you could say that space-time is curved, that this curvature is more pronounced near large concentrations of matter or energy and that it is this curvature of space that is felt as the force of gravity.

Edwin Hubble discovered that the galaxies far away in space were in fact moving away from us. The most accepted explanation is that the universe must be expanding, and expanding equally everywhere. The most common analogy given for this is that of a balloon. Semi inflate a balloon, draw some dots on it and inflate it some more. The dots, analogous to the galaxies, move further apart. Of course this is a two dimensional example to help us visualise a three or four dimensional phenomenon. The important point to grasp here is that the galaxies are not speeding away from us *through* space, space-time itself is expanding, taking the galaxies with it.

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This leaves us with a new picture of space. Space is no longer passive, like the stage upon which an opera is performed. This 'stage' is expanding in size equally in all directions (except in the immediate vicinity of the players) and is causing the principal players to rotate around each other.

Quantum physics gives us yet another description of space. Quantum theory describes all forces as the exchange of 'messenger' particles and electromagnetic radiation as *both* waves and particles called photons. This description relies on the existence of 'virtual' particles which are extremely short lived, popping rapidly in and out of existence, detectable only by their effects on the 'real' particles. Quantum theory therefore depicts space at the sub-sub-atomic level as being like an energetic 'foam' of virtual particles. (Imagine the virtual particles to be like the bubbles that pop in and out of existence when you pour a glass of lemonade.) Careering through this 'foam' are countless photons of light, radio and x-rays etc.

String theory, which is really the latest and greatest in physics, postulates that space-time doesn't consist of just three dimensions of space and one of time but *ten* dimensions of space and one of time. Where are the extra seven and why can't we see them? The other seven are 'rolled up' into the seven-dimensional equivalent of a sphere, called a seven-sphere or 'hyperball', invisible because of its infinitesimal size. Every point in our observable three-dimensional space is a seven-dimensional 'hyperball'. According to string theory the title for this article should be 'How Far In Is Out Where?'

Nothing isn't simple.

Further reading: SUPERFORCE by Paul Davies
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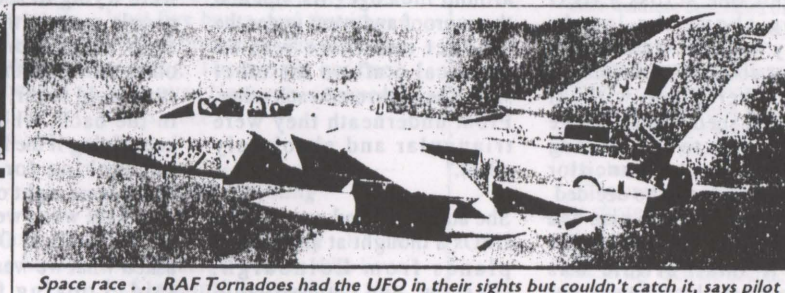
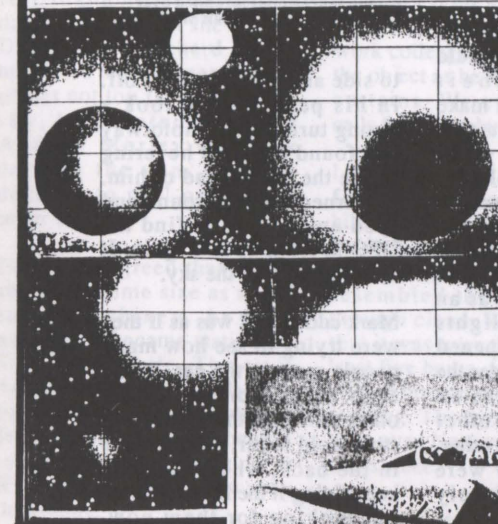
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Space race... RAF Tornados had the UFO in their sights but couldn't catch it, says pilot

Three RAF jets were scrambled to intercept a UFO that was buzzing Edinburgh Airport, a pilot claimed.

The Tornados were sent up to investigate the UFO after it was picked up on the airport's radar and seen by ground staff, the pilot said.

The flier - who fears he would lose his licence if he was identified - claimed the incident was confirmed to him by a flight control officer at RAF Kinloss a few weeks later.

He said "The guy told me the Tornados had the UFO in their sights. They were closing

in on it when it suddenly shot straight up in the air and left them for dead, the jets just couldn't keep up with the thing." He added "No one at the RAF will talk about it officially - they've been ordered to shut up."

The pilot told how he heard about the UFO when he flew into Edinburgh on the mail plane minutes after it had been spotted. He said the airport control tower staff told him a commercial plane was diverted to check out the object before RAF Leuchars was alerted.

COVER-UP

The experienced flier added:

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THREE TORNADOES SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT UFO

By Anthony James of EMUFORA.

"Everyone was talking about it. It was seen by the control tower, ground control, and security staff. The tower had a visual on it and it showed up on the radar screen.

An insider at Edinburgh Airport said: "I remember the exact incident but no one will say anything on the record." An RAF Leuchars spokesman denied jets were scrambled from there, but added: "I can't speak for other stations."

Source: The Sun Newspaper, dated 24th November 1995

BONNYBRIDGE BRITAIN'S UFO CAPITAL

Bonnybridge sits just a few miles to the South of Falkirk in Scotland. The population is around 5,500 (according to the Gaurdian newspaper) or 9,000 (according to the Sun newspaper). Over 2,00 people have reported seeing a UFO of some kind.

It all began back in the winter of 1992, when self employed carpenter George Wilson was on his way home after working late in Falkirk. He took the back roads back to Bonnybridge - a journey that changed his life.

George came across a UFO sitting above the lonely country road. He watched the craft for about ten minutes - it just sat there, then without warning it sped away. George made his way to his life-long friend's house - Councillor Billy Buchannan, who decided to find out if anyone else had seen anything unusual in the area. A small article was written for the local newspaper with a response hotline number.

Over the past three years over 2,000 people have reported seeing UFOs in the Bonnybridge area. Local paranormal investigator Malcolm Robertson has narrowed the sightings down to approximately 250, after identifying the rest. The unidentified sightings include such cases as:

Neil Malcolm was driving home to nearby Larbert when a ball of light lit up the interior of his car. Neil managed to get home with the UFO still in sight. He alerted his wife Lorraine, who grabbed a camcorder and filmed it for a

short while before it disappeared behind some distant buildings. Neil said, " I got the fright of my life".

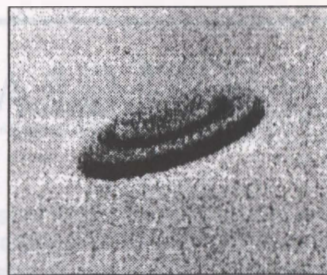
SPACECRUISER

Ray and Cathy Procek were driving through Cumbernauld 2 years ago in their Spacecruiser (which is a make of car for those of you that have just raised your eyebrows). It was a cold but clear night and they were on their way to visit friends. Cathy stated, " I was driving under a viaduct and I saw lights to the right. It was an elliptical shape with lights around the edge. We opened the sunroof and went under the viaduct and there was an identical craft on the other side. They mirrored each other. From underneath they were triangular and absolutely silent."

She added, " I had never given UFOs a thought at all. We get planes from Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Cumbernauld airports over here and I know what helicopters look like. I've seen meteors and satellites, and this was nothing like any of them. We are educated, level headed people, and we don't jump to conclusions. We can only say what we saw ".

CIGAR

26 year old Mark Wilson runs a car valeting business. He was driving home with his girlfriend and two other friends from a Christmas day party when he became aware of something keeping pace with him flying just above his car. It stayed with the car as Mark accelerated up to 90 mph in an effort to shake it off. The cigar shaped craf switched from side



Flying saucer photographed over Scotland last year by Ian MacPherson

to side and then just shot off. In his panic, Mark took a wrong turn off the motorway and found the craft hovering above the road ahead of him. He turned the car around and sped away, only to find the UFO in front of him again. It then shot up into the sky.

Mark added, " It was as if they were trying to see how many people were in the car. It was early in the morning and no other traffic on the road. I was stone cold sober, but my mate in the back, who was drunk kept giving it the finger. We go out looking for them now. There were eight of us in a van one night when we got stopped by the police. One of them asked what we were doing, so I said, Looking for UFOs - which didn't go down too well with them."

ABDUCTED

Gary Wood and Colin Wright were driving through the Peatland Hills to deliver a satellite dish late at night. As they rounded a corner, there in front of them above the road was a classic saucer shaped UFO. It was about 30 ft wide and black.

Wood, 32, said, " I put my foot down on the accelerator, and just as we were going underneath it a shimmering curtain fell and we went into blackness. I couldn't see anything, then there was a shunt on the back of the car,

LOCAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS

By Tony James

On the morning of November 2nd 1995, two of my work colleagues were in their Royal Mail van at Canning Circus, Nottingham. As they they drove up and over the hill on Derby Road, Richard Hobbs noticed a small cigar shaped object not too far away in the sky, he pointed it out to Andrew Morley who was driving the van. Andrew decided to pull over for a better look.

They both agreed that it was about the same size as a car, and very shiney. As they watched, it became stationary for a short while. The craft then moved away slowly in a zig-zag motion, and eventually disappeared from sight behind some trees heading in a Westerly direction towards Derbyshire.

On November 6th we thought that we might be in for a UFO flap-

I recieved a phone call at 5.30pm from my supervisor who was very excited about an object he had seen. He went through the usual checklist to try to explain it but was left totally baffled.

Minutes later, my brother, Mark phoned to tell me about an airship flying around Nottingham with "Phillips Light Bulbs" written across its sides. No sooner had I replaced the telephone receiver my supervisor phoned back with disappointment in his voice, to say that it was an advertising airship, he had also read the writing on its sides using binoculars.

Before I could even go out to witness it for myself, the phone became red hot with calls : The Nottingham Evening Post rang to say they had received a UFO report from a female reader. Another work colleague reported seeing the object as he was closing his curtains. We even received calls from nearby Derbyshire.

I managed to get out to see it for myself from a nearby hilltop. The object from behind looked circular with a dark centre, but from the side it resembled the sun shining through cloud. We know now that it was over the City for at least five hours, and that it was also airbourne on the previous evening. The airship has been seen over Nottingham several times since.

Lincolnshire sighting

On Wednesday 15th November, a woman who lives in Lincolnshire, took her dog out for a walk. She noticed a small light in the sky travelling very slowly, and then another light came into view and joined the first - they actually joined together. The object(s) increased in brightness and then shot off at high speed.

Shortly afterwards the witness heard and saw two jets following in the same direction as the UFO. She later phoned her son, who lives in Nottingham and related the incident to him. The son contacted the local newspaper, who referred him to us.

The Toronto Sun, Thursday November 9, 1995

Black hole in our backyard?

Hubble find rare in our galaxy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Hubble Space Telescope has discovered either a black hole in our galaxy or an equal rarity: Thousands of stars rushing toward the core of a globular cluster.

Seen from Earth as a single blur of light, Space Telescope Science Institute described the stars' convergence yesterday "like bees swarming to their hive."

"This runaway collapse, long theorized by researchers but never seen in such detail, may have lasted a few million years — a flash in the 12 billion-year life of the cluster," the institute said.

The area is in an ancient globular cluster known to astronomers as M15, about 37,000 light years away, in the constellation Pegasus. In the vacuum of space, light travels 5.88 trillion miles a year.

"It's a dense star cluster, like a mini-galaxy," said Puragra Guhathakurta of the University of California at Santa Cruz. "Stars in globular clusters are almost as old as the universe. If any globular cluster in our galaxy is suspected to have a black hole, M15 is the best candidate."

To determine whether a black hole or a collapsing core is causing the phenomena, the Hubble would have to be re-aimed at the cluster to make spectral analysis of the light. The images, taken last April, alone can't distinguish between the two, Guhathakurta said.

Guhathakurta and fellow researchers will request more time on the telescope, which has astronomers lining up years in advance.

Ohio Mini-Flap 1957

This article was originally published in the Friday, November 22, 1957 issue of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, written by David Vornelker. Recent attempts to locate the primary witness, Olden Moore, have been unsuccessful so far.

Olden Moore, the Geauga County man who reported seeing a spaceship in a field near Montville the night of November 6, has just revealed a mission as mysterious as his Unidentified Flying Object. He was out of town several days until last Saturday afternoon. He won't say where. But his wife, Zelma, told friends he was in Washington in regard to the UFO. "She talks too much," Moore said yesterday. "I talked to high officials. I was sworn to secrecy. I won't say where I was."

His report of a flying saucer saucily perched in a farm field has touched off an investigation by scientists, said Civil Defense and Army authorities. A rash of reports of sightings of similar sky objects by others in Geauga and Ashtabula Counties followed.

Moore, 28, a plasterer, lives in Huntsburg, near Chardon. He was first interrogated on November 8 by Lake County Civil Defense Director Kenneth Locke. Geauga County Sheriff Louis A. Robusky, Army authorities, scientists from Case Institute of Technology and newsmen. "I do not care what people think," Moore said. "I know what I saw. I am sorry, though, that I was not able to have a witness here to see what I saw and back up my story."

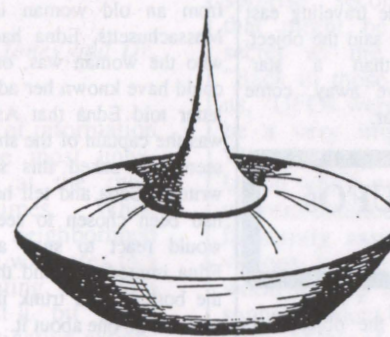
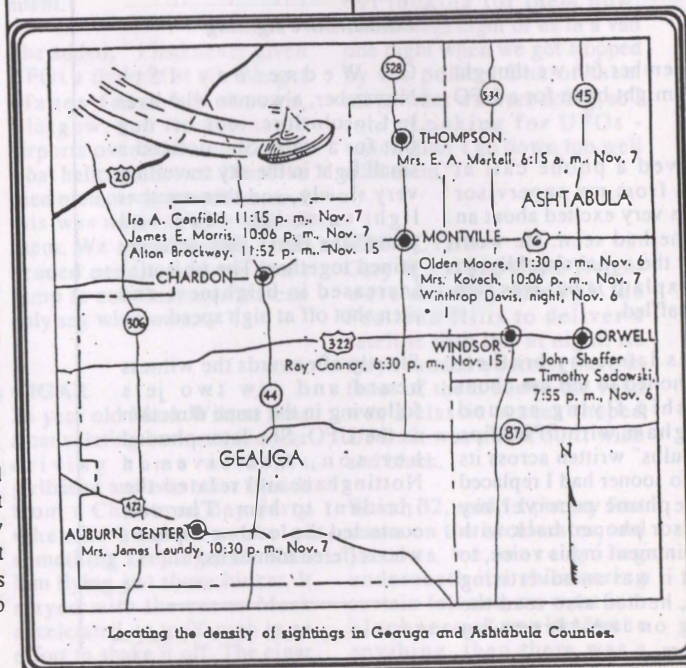
Moore has not been shaken from his story concerning the sighting of the UFO. He said it appeared to be as large as an average house, perhaps 50 feet across, and shaped like a saucer with an inverted saucer on top. It also had a cone-shaped dome in the center, according to Moore, and glowed brightly with the color of radium on a luminous watch dial.

Moore signed an affidavit covering his reported sighting of the UFO. He did not report his sighting immediately. His wife phoned the report to Sheriff Robusky on November 7 at 11:30 a.m., 12 hours after Moore allegedly saw the object. But Moore was not available for questioning until November 8.

He had been driving home from Painesville when he saw the bright

object coming toward him near the intersection of Rt. 86 and Hart Road in Montville Township, he said. "In seconds it loomed up in front of me as large as a house," he said. "Then it seemed to split apart. One section disappeared. The other settled down in a field near the road. When I saw the object approaching I pulled off the road and turned off the ignition. I watched it in the field for about 15 minutes, then got out of my car and walked toward it. I heard a ticking sound like that of an electric or water meter. I stopped before I reached it, however, returned to my car and drove home to get my wife. When we came to the field again the object was gone."

Locke said he could not disregard Moore's story in view of his



adherence to his original story. "I did not see the object, however, so I cannot make any comment as to whether such an object was seen or not," Locke added. "Scientists from Case Institute might examine the field next week to see if the grass has been affected by radioactivity. When we took a reading with a Geiger counter on November 7, the counter registered 150 mikroroentgens [sp] in the center of an area 50 feet in diameter in the field. The reading dropped to 20 or 30 mikroroentgens near the perimeter of that area."

Robert Seitz, a graduate student at case, said the higher reading represented about 10 times the normal background of radioactivity. "Readings on counters can be obtained many places because of cosmic radiation, radioactive isotopes and radioactivity produced by bomb tests," Seitz said. "A normal reading would be 15 or 20 mikroroentgens."

The field where the object supposedly landed is on Earnest Mausling's farm. Neither Mausling nor his sister saw or heard anything on the night of November 6. The farm house is several hundred feet from the field.

Other reports of sightings of UFO's include those reported by Mrs. E. A. Markell of Thompson, Geauga County, and members of the Ground Observers Corps at Orwell, Ashtabula County. Mrs. Markell reported sighting a glowing orange object that appeared to be hovering over the Thompson Ledges about 6:15 a.m. on November 7. "It was large and shaped like a flattened pumpkin," she said. "I watched it a few seconds and then it disappeared from sight, traveling north or northwest. There was no noise but the bright glow almost blinded me. It was only a few hundred feet from the trailer in which I live."

At Orwell, John Shaffer, 16, and Timothy Sadowski, 15, reported seeing a cigar shaped UFO at very high altitude and traveling swiftly northwest on November 6 at 7:55 p.m. Both were on duty at the Grand Valley Observer Post at the time. Shaffer told the post supervisor, John F. Hasznos, that he saw the object with his binoculars. "It had lights streaming down from what appeared to be two portholes," Shaffer said. "Tim saw it too, but while I was reporting an airplane sighting and this unknown object to

the Canton Filter Center, Tim saw another UFO." Tim said the second UFO had an intense white brilliance and traveled so swiftly he could get only one glance at it. "It was shaped like a cigar but was not tapered at both ends," he added. "One end was larger than the other."

Ray Connor, a deputy sheriff of Ashtabula County, reported a UFO in the vicinity of Windsor at 6:30 p.m. on November 15. "The object looked like an open umbrella with two sticks dangling from it," Connor said. "I could see a strong white light shining from it, a red glow and a green glow. A passenger in the cruiser also saw it and a grocery store owner at the intersection of Rts. 86 and 534 told me he saw a similar object to my sighting of the UFO."

Other recent sightings in the Geauga County area included:

- A blue-colored something reported seen by Chardon School Superintendent Ira A. Canfield at 11:15 p.m. November 7 near Chardon.
- A reddish spinning object reported seen by Mrs. James Laundry near Auburn Center at 10:30 p.m. November 7.
- James E. Morris reported seeing a round object with a blue streamer flashing through the sky at 10:06 p.m. November 7 near Chardon.
- Mrs. Kovach of Route 86 near Montville reported another seen on November 7 at 10 p.m. The object appeared to be landing three or four miles from her home, she thought.

- Alton Brockway, a Geauga County sheriff's deputy, also reported a brilliant blue object at a high altitude at 11:52 p.m. on November 15, near Chardon. The first blue light report in the nation was from Springfield, Ohio on November 5.

- On the night Moore reportedly saw his UFO, Winthrop Davis of Ashtabula said he saw a low, bright object while traveling east on Route 166. He said the object, larger and brighter than a star appeared to move away, come closer and disappear.

A year and a half after returning to Columbus, Edna received a letter from an old woman in Boston, Massachusetts. Edna had no idea who the woman was, or how she could have known her address. The letter told Edna that Ashtar, who was the captain of the ship she had seen, had asked this stranger to write to Edna and tell her that she had been chosen to see how she would react to such a sighting. Edna immediately hid the letter in the bottom of a trunk in the attic and told no one about it.

Several years later, Edna went to a lecture by Major Donald E. Keyhoe in Columbus, Ohio. During the question and answer period, a man in the audience stated that he and his son had seen an object at the same time as her sighting, in the same location and of the same description. Edna was amazed at the apparent confirmation of her experience.

Edna and I became friends later after I had occasion to meet her and hear her story. One evening when Edna was driving north of Columbus to meet with me in my home in Flint, Ohio, she had one more sighting. It was a spool-shaped craft with each end spinning in opposite directions. It had a ring of lights around each end. She felt sure that she had seen this craft before.

to investigate, but the object was gone, but the memory of it stayed with her.

At the time, Edna was living with two older sisters, one a teacher and the other a real estate broker. No way she would share such a tale with them. They would have looked her up and thrown away the key. Only later, as such stories became more acceptable to some, was she able to tell me about it.

When she arrived in Denver she found it necessary to visit a medical doctor. He told her to go home to Columbus and prepare to die, for she had less than six months to live. Cancer had spread through her and it could not be treated. She returned to her sister's home, but neither was willing to assume the role of parent to her three kids. They were determined to keep Edna alive, which they did for another twenty years.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT UFOs

by Lillian Crowner Desguin

Q. What is the earliest date on which a UFO was described by someone you interviewed?

Nancy Novotny, Westerville, Ohio

A. In the late summer or early fall of 1945, Mrs. Edna Kaehele of Columbus, Ohio had a never to be forgotten experience. Edna had written a book about "Living With Cancer," which was published in *Reader's Digest* magazine. Because of this, I met her and learned a lot more about her life than I had bargained for.

At the time of her experience, Edna was packing to move to Denver, Colorado with her three small children. It was after 7PM that evening when she went out in the back yard to a shed to find containers for her many belongings. She lived at the corner of Third Avenue and High Street about a mile north of downtown Columbus. As she looked to the south, according to her estimate directly over the center of the intersection of Broad Street and High Street, she saw a large cigar shaped-ship which appeared to have a ramp coming out of one side. She could see movement inside of it as if there were people inside. She was petrified. She went into the house and locked herself in the bathroom. After ten minutes she ventured forth

U.S. Navy Support of UFO Research

by William E. Jones and Dr. Irena Scott

Bits and pieces of information come from the most unexpected people at the most unexpected times. While canvassing a neighborhood looking for eye witnesses to a local UFO sighting, we had a man tell us just a "bit" about his UFO investigative experiences while he served in the U.S. Navy from the late 1940s to the early 1950s. We shall give this man the pseudonym of Luke Laprad.

Mr. Laprad is currently a respected businessman and community leader in Columbus, Ohio. He served in the Navy for ten years, the last few in Turkey at the air base at Adena. When we asked him the number of the unit he was assigned to, he replied, "It didn't exist." When pressed for a number or name, even if unacknowledged at the time, he responded by saying, "I can talk about this stuff in general, but I am sure the details are still secret." You see, Luke was a aircraft navigator and his unit flew secret over flight missions into the Soviet Union. His unit was there until they were replaced by those operating the higher flying U-2 aircraft in the mid-1950s.

Because of our expressed interest in UFOs, Mr. Laprad said, "If you twist my arm, I can tell you that I used to investigate those things." He went on to tell us about the

purpose of his unit and the surprise secondary purpose that might be every bit as secret as the primary one. "Back in those days," he told us, "UFOs were considered to be a very important matter. When the areas of the Soviet Union which were assigned to us were clouded over, we were frequently assigned to fly to various locations around the world to help indigenous personnel conduct UFO investigations. Many of these missions were to South America. There was a lot going on there, apparently"

According to Mr. Laprad, these assignments were for specific investigations. They would fly into the country, pick up a team of investigators and then fly them into the region where the report or reports were to be taken. He said that he didn't learn much about the reports since he spoke neither Spanish or Portuguese. In effect, it seemed that his team acted as "truck drivers" for groups of indigenous military personnel who did not have access to their own aircraft. The final reports were flown back with them to Turkey and then sent back to the Pentagon (apparently not Project Blue Book) in Washington, D.C. through Oslo, Norway. When asked why they were sent forward via this rather strange route, he replied, "For diplomatic purposes." They were classified "secret" before being forwarded. His group did no analysis of the reports they collected and no information about what they were used for ever came back to them.

When we pressed Mr. Laprad for information about specific sightings which he investigated, he became illusive, indicating that he did not know the language of the countries into which he flew. He admitted that this information might still be classified.

Is this information important? Possibly, when put together with other information that we in MORA are not privy to. This is why we must learn how to share the "bits and pieces" of information that we come across. Some of it may be very important - to someone.

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There are handbills of specialty UFO magazines on sale which carry the very latest sightings and updates on discoveries, while special UFO clubs have been set up across Australia.

The Lightning Ridge UFOwatch was founded four years ago by Bruce Cuming. An opal cutter, Bruce has seen eight UFOs and collects taped interviews with other UFO witnesses in his spare time.

"If you ever do see a UFO, you'll never be the same again," he said.

"I've seen eight and I'm a teetotaler of 64 years.

"They stirred me up and now I've sent in more than 50 reports of interviews with

UFO witnesses in my spare time."

But are we any closer to solving the UFO mysteries?

According to ardent UFO believers from across the world, UFOs have already landed on Earth.

They believe aliens have adopted the human form and are currently living among us, while some have even gone so far as to say aliens will save us from destruction.

Local UFO enthusiast, Ray Wixted, believes aliens have landed.

"They're here now," he said.

"And even more will be landing on Earth before the Year 2000."

Mr Wixted believes more people have actually seen UFOs, but are frightened to report it.

"People are inclined to hold back sightings because they think others aren't interested," he said.

"But this isn't the case.

"There is enormous interest in UFOs and we need all the information we can get.

"We need to overcome people's scepticism about UFOs and the more reports we receive, the easier it will be."

Mr Wixted believes there have been cover-ups in recent years to prevent the general public from knowing the truth. Only last year, claims were made that the US Government had covered up the supposed crash of a spacecraft with aliens on board.

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the objects were sent to pathologists. The odd verdict, according to the doctor: No indication of a foreign body, no concentration of white cells, no evidence of inflammation.

The hard membrane — the likes of which the doctor said he'd never seen — was composed of substances naturally occurring in the body.

Strange items have been pulled from "abductees" before but many somehow have disappeared before independent scientists could examine them. The skeptics remain skeptical.

"We haven't heard of anything that, without the shadow of a doubt, couldn't have been made here on Earth," said Barry Karr, director of the Center for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. "Let's see the evidence."

Perhaps they will.

The objects are in Houston for electrical, chemical and microscopic analysis. The patients who unwittingly carried them say they feel liberated. The doctor figures he'll be called on to perform more operations before long.

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Military chief backs UFO alert claim

ONE of Britain's highest-ranking military officers is backing a claim that the Government is concealing evidence of an unidentified flying object being tracked by radar as it approached the South Coast.

In a book to be published next year, author Derek Sheffield tells how on March 30, 1990, four Nato air defence radar stations - three in Belgium and one in Germany - tracked a fast-moving triangular craft across Western Europe.

At one stage, it came within six minutes of entering UK air space, he claims.

Two F-16 fighters from the Belgian Air Force were scrambled to intercept the target but could not keep up with it.

Incident

Mr Sheffield, of Rolvenden, Kent, says the Ministry of Defence denies any knowledge of the incident, despite his claims that British-based tracking stations which make up part of the Nato air defence system would have automatically have been alerted by their counterparts in Belgium and Germany.

That view is shared by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill Norton, who between

1974 and 1977 was the chairman of Nato's Military Committee.

Lord Hill-Norton said: "There is no dispute about the facts of what happened. They have been documented and confirmed by the Belgian authorities."

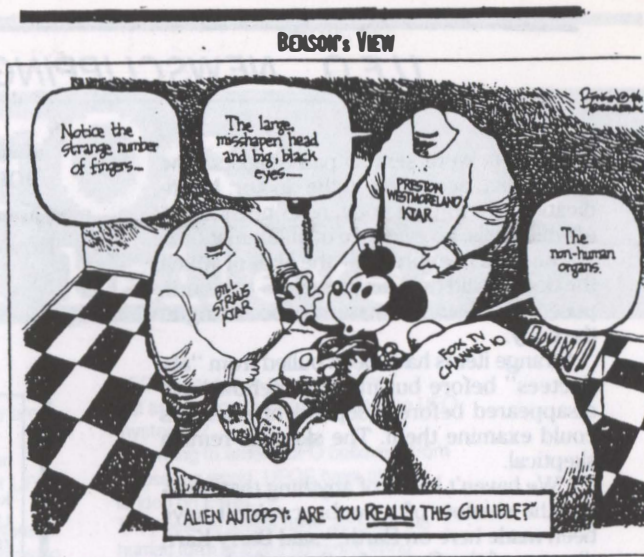
"The fact is that if these European tracking stations detected a UFO, two fighters were sent up to intercept it and it came to be six minutes from British air space, there is no doubt in my mind that the UK air defence organisation would automatically know about it."

Documents

Mr Sheffield says he has been given official documents by the Belgians, including 12 pages of transcripts of the conversations between the pilots and their control tower.

He plans to publish them in his book, *A Deadly Concealment*, and says they indicate that the object was tracked travelling at speeds of up to 1,000mph and that at one point it manoeuvred and changed course 12 times in 22 seconds.

Mr Sheffield said: "The MoD says it has never detected anything it cannot identify, but I believe they are concealing what they know."



UFO expert tips off X Files

FORT McMURRAY, Alta. (CP) — UFO expert Stanton Friedman has mixed feelings about giving an occasional tip to *The X-Files* TV series.

"They used my term 'cosmic Watergate,' although without my permission," says the U.S. nuclear physicist.

The popular science-fiction series has contacted Friedman three times for advice on how to make stories more believable.

"I'm a scientist. I don't think in fictional terms, but you have to speculate on some things. Like, why do they come here?"

"They" are the other intelligent life forms in the universe. And Friedman has speculated plenty on why aliens may drop by. Maybe Earth is a honeymoon destination for some, or a supply stop in the Milky Way.

Friedman recently lectured in Fort McMurray on several aspects of his work, including the alleged flying saucer crash near Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

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DID THE STS-73 ASTRONAUTS SEE A UFO?

According to the November 1995 issue of *THE UFO ENIGMA*, published by the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, a female astronaut aboard the STS-73 flight of the Space Shuttle Columbia said it happened. UFOSG member Bob Soetebier obtained the information from the computer networks.

STS-73 had two female astronauts aboard -- Kathryn Thornton (Payload Commander) and Catherine Coleman (Mission Specialist 1). The amateur radio operator credited with taping the downlink feed from Columbia said that on October 22, at 2:06 a.m., a female astronaut said these exact words: "We have an Unidentified Flying Object." For 10-15 minutes nothing else was said. When something was finally said, it was not about the UFO. Did the Columbia crew see a UFO and switch to a secure downlink to discuss it? Or was this just a joke? I doubt that we will ever see photos or video tape of the event; so all we can do is speculate about this event as we have all the other astronaut reports in the past.


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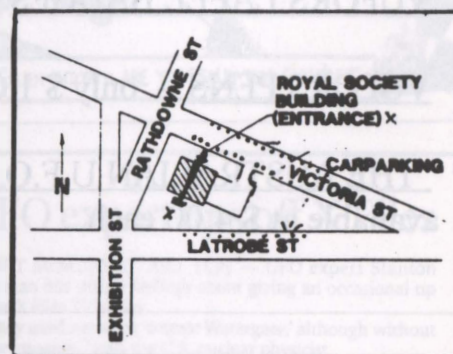
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SOCIETY HISTORY

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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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